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- 1) Koichi NAKANO, "L2TP ni yoru Solution," Computer & Network LAN, Vol. 16, No. 10, October 1, 1998, pp. 28-33.

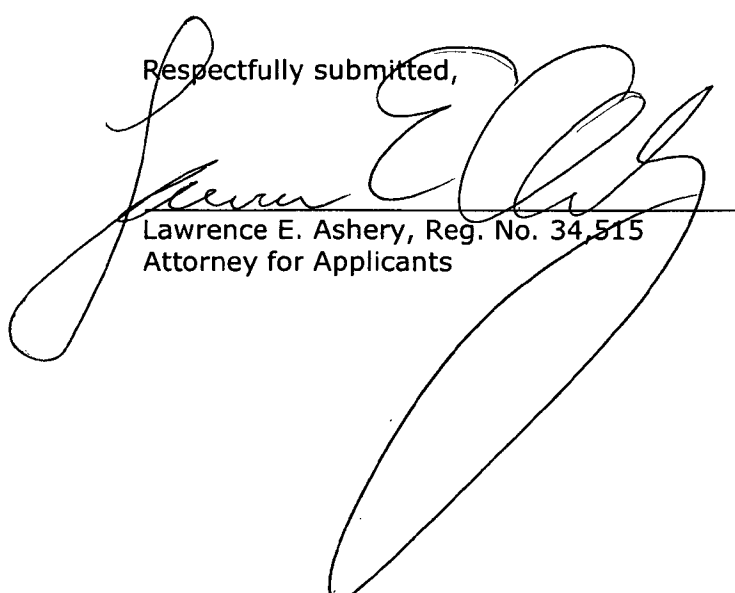
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